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(Case No. 01-1278-D)

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In the Application of:)
Chen, et al.)
Serial No.: 10/058,466) Art Unit: 1648
Filed: January 28, 2002) Examiner: Li
For: Method and Medium for Detecting)
Vancomycin-Resistant Enterococcus)

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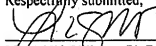
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